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HOLLAND F. KELLEY 1401 WYLIE AVE. PITTSBURGH, PA. COURT 9595 Mrs. Effa Manley 71 Crawford Street Newark, New Jersey

Dear Effa:

Since receiving your letter of February 27, 1946, I think that the "Old Buck" is being passed. I wrote you a letter and asked a direct question, and hoped that in this letter I just received, was my answer of your confirmation of support in the vote favoring my application for a franchise in the Negro National League.

The West gave their answer definitely, although it as not favorable, they came right to the point, and did not beat around the bush.

It seems to me that you have forgotten the time that Abe drove to Pittsburgh and asked for the Brooklyn Club and Franchise, I gave him my word to be in his corner and I supported him when the vote came up....I did not understand him being against me at the recent meeting.

As to the matter of signing players from your team to play in my Leage, I don't see how you could think that, especially when you people keep dangling me on the fence, without a definite word on anything. I haven't signed my own players for this year, and as far as Mr. Rickey signing anymore players, I don't know anything about that. The only players I know about are the two now in training in Florida.

All I am asking for is your vote of support. I know that you don't make up the entire Negro National League, but I felt that if I could poll my votes, and know about where I stand before March 12, as that date will give me very little time to get my club assembled.

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In your letter you questioned, "what was my idea for applying for franchise in your league?" You were at the meeting in New York, and know how sincere I was. I believe that I was entitled to ask for a franchise in the Negro National League, because of the goodwill and efforts to better Organized Negro Baseball that I contend to. You know that I wasn't begging to be put in the League, I was and I am willing to buy my franchise, so is Johnson.

You said that you were tired of the present set-up, and wanted to better baseball for Negroes. I think you know me well enough to be sure that you would have two votes for the good of Negro Organized Baseball.

I certainly would appreciate a call or wire as to how you stand on the matter of my application for the Franchise. An immediate answer would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

W. A. "Gus" Greenlee

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